

HOUSE RESOLUTION 248

By Niceley

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate the officers and members of the Martha Dandridge Garden Club on eighty-five years of dedicated service.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should recognize those exemplary clubs and organizations that are celebrating a milestone in their venerable history; and

WHEREAS, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club is one such outstanding organization, which has diligently served Dandridge and Jefferson County for eighty-five years; and

WHEREAS, in celebration of this landmark anniversary, the members of the Martha Dandridge Garden Club will place a commemorative stone with the name of the Revolutionary Graveyard on it in the cemetery; and

WHEREAS, this joyous celebration will take place on June 28, 2012, coinciding with the birth month of the club's namesake, Martha Dandridge Washington; and

WHEREAS, this exemplary women's civic organization was founded in 1927 by twenty-two ladies from influential families in the Dandridge area; and

WHEREAS, today the club is an inclusive organization with a membership of seventy and provides opportunities for the women of Jefferson County to become active members of their community; and

WHEREAS, this remarkable organization is recognized for its rich history, as well as its numerous past and present accomplishments; and

WHEREAS, the Club takes pride in its numerous efforts to disseminate gardening knowledge and proficiency among its members and in the community at large; and

WHEREAS, one of the major contributions of this worthy civic organization has been the restoration and maintenance of the Revolutionary Graveyard located in historic downtown Dandridge; and

WHEREAS, the Club has maintained trees, shrubs, flowers, and bedding plants each season; the Club has also placed native stone benches in the Graveyard, along with a monument and a flagpole to honor the patriots of this great State and Nation; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause in its deliberations to pay tribute to this exemplary Tennessee public service organization, the Martha Dandridge Garden Club, and join its officers and members in celebrating the Club's eighty-fifth anniversary; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SEVENTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, that we hereby honor and congratulate the Martha Dandridge Garden Club, which has splendidly and industriously served to beautify and improve Dandridge and Jefferson County for eighty-five years, and wish its officers and members much continued success in all their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.